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DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to pin the responsibility on the appropriate expert advisers and see that the tools and plants are standardized? "

(The hon. Member was reading tbe supplementary question.)

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I would like the hon. Member to know that supplementary questions are not to be read."

SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" Cannot the hon. Member have notes? "

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" But he was reading it."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, I was reading from the notes."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Director of Medical Services is considering the question of getting the standardized equipments manufactured at the Madurai and Coimbatore Municipal workshops."

Construction of dhobikhanas in Saidapet and Chetput.

* 97 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether any representation has been received recently by the Government from the Tamil Nad Washermen Federation for the construction of dhobikhanas in Saidapet and Chetput; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI M. ETHIRAJULU :—" Dhobis who generally wash clothes in river beds are subject to many hardships. To-day it has been reported in the '*Dinamani*' that a dhobi was washed away by the recent Coleroon floods. May I know, Sir, whether the Government will give serious consideration to construct dhobikhanas in all the towns? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The construction of dhobikhanas is the responsibility of the municipality concerned. In the City it is the responsibility of the Madras Corporation. The Corporation has provided dhobikhanas in several places."

Creation of the post of a Dean for the Madras General Hospital and for the Stanley Hospital, Madras.

* 98 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the reasons for the creation of the post of a Dean for the Madras General Hospital and for the Stanley Hospital, Madras;

(*b*) when a Dean was appointed to each of the aforesaid hospitals; and

(*c*) whether the Deans in each of the aforesaid hospitals are asked by the Government to perform clinical duties also in their respective hospitals; if so, from what date?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Posts of Deans have been created in the Government General Hospital, and the Stanley Hospital, Madras, which are attached to Medical Colleges, for performing the administrative, executive and supervisory work in the hospitals and the attached Medical Colleges. This has been done in accordance with the recommendation of the Medical Education Committee of the Madras Medical and Public Health Conference, 1947.

" (b) Deans were appointed in the Government General Hospital and in the Stanley Hospital with effect from the 23rd January 1950 and the 24th September 1952, respectively.

" (c) Only the Dean of the Government General Hospital has been allowed to do clinical work in the capacity of a consultant in the seventh Medical Unit which is under the charge of the Medical Registrar and to exercise supervisory control for purpose of administration of this Unit, from 21st March 1954."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Sir, have these posts of Deans been sanctioned temporarily and, if so, for what period? " 2-40 p.m.

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, they have been sanctioned according to the recommendations of the Medical Education Committee of the Madras Medical and Public Health Conference, 1947."

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Sir, may I know the period for which these posts have been sanctioned and the salary attached to them? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, they have been sanctioned for a period of one year and the salary is from Rs. 900 to Rs. 1,200."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, has not the purpose for which the Deanship was created been defeated by allowing the Dean of the Government General Hospital to do clinical work in the capacity of a consultant in the Seventh Medical Unit."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Dean is going to the Seventh Medical Unit only occasionally, that is, once a week or so and that for purposes of guiding and advising the Medical Registrar who is in charge of this Unit."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir . . . ."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Order, order. This question is finished."

DR. A. SREENIVASAN :—" Sir, I feel very strongly on this matter and I request a half-hour debate on the question of the appointment of Deans."

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MR. CHAIRMAN :—" I have got a large number of starred questions on the agenda. Besides, the sanctioning of a half-hour debate is at my discretion and I am not allowing the hon. Member's request."

Amendment to the relevant sections of the Public Health Act, 1939.

* 99 *Q.*—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to amend the relevant sections of the Public Health Act, 1939, in respect of the following : setting up of two independent bodies—(i) one for the consideration of Public Health policies and (ii) for the consideration of purely technical and scientific subjects?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

Lending the services of the Officers and Inspectors of the Co-operative Department.

* 100 *Q.*—SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Officers and Inspectors from the Co-operative Department whose services have been lent to non-governmental organizations working on co-operative lines;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that 25 per cent of their basic salary is given as additional salary to those whose services are lent;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that some societies have been threatened with supersession if departmental Secretaries are not provided for;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that some societies which failed to provide for departmental Secretaries, have been actually superseded; and

(*e*) whether the Government have any proposal to discontinue the practice of granting additional remuneration to officers whose services are lent to societies?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) As on 1st April 1954—

Deputy Registrars—16.

Co-operative Sub-Registrars—49.

Senior Inspectors—108.

Junior Inspectors—9.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) to (*e*) No, Sir."

SRI S. P. SIVASUBRAMANYA NADAR :—" Sir, what is the basis on which this additional remuneration is given? "